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Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes

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Dear General Kayes:

Reference is made to your communication of 22 March 1954, requesting information relevant to Soviet nuclear weapon activities. The questions maked by the referenced letter have been referred to the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee and I am now advised that information is not presently available an which to base answers to the specific questions raised concerning the period beyond mid-1957. On the other hand, it was the opinion of the Committee that basic information which your organization can use in the preparation of an evaluation of certain portions of the strategic air offensive appears in the recently published Bational Intelligence Estimate on the Soviet Atomic Energy Program to Mid-1957 (MIE 11-3-54) as well as in a Projection of Guide Lines covering the period beyond 1957 which is now being prepared by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee.

A copy of NIR 11-3-54 was forwarded to your organization through the Joint Staff Member of the Joint Atomic Emergy Intelligence Committee on 14 April 1954. The Projection of Guide Lines Paper will be forwarded as soon as available. It is suggested that after these documents have been studied by your group, if it is deemed desirable, further conversations on the subject be held by personnel of your group and the JARIC, the Chairman of which is of this Agency.

Sincerely. DOCUMENT NO. NO CHANGE IN CLASS. [] SIGNED D DECLASSIFIED CLASS, CHANGED TO: TS (S) C 20 Allen W. Balle NEXT REVIEW DATE: Director AUTH: HR 70-2 DATE: 146481 REVIEWER NED/OSI/HIM: amg 2 Distribution: Orig. and 1 - Addressee CONCUR: Robert Amory, Jr. 2 - BCI 1 - DDI Deputy Director/Intelligence 1 - AD/SI
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